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WASHINGTON, October 12, 1984 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended October 6 totaled an estimated 17.8 billion ton-miles, 0.8 percent below the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative traffic volume for the first 40 weeks of 1984 was an estimated 720.0 billion ton-miles, 14.1 percent above the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended October 6 totaled 396,615, down 0.9 percent from last year, and 6.8 percent below the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were down 7.5 percent in the East, up 3.3 percent in the South and up 1.0 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1983, 11 of the 21 commodity groups decreased. Metallic ores showed a gain of 1,917 cars (11.9 percent). Twelve of the 21 commodity groups decreased from the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended September 29 totaled 57,324 cars, up 9.8 percent from the corresponding week of 1983, and 98,624 trailers and/or containers, 6.8 percent higher than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 39 weeks of the year was 1,987,052 cars, 15.1 percent higher than last year, and 3,421,552 trailers and/or containers, up 14.3 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 10/6/84:

	Loadings in Week ended Oct. 6, 1984		Change from Corresponding Week 1983			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	27,087	D	8,082	23.0	D	653	2.4
Other farm products	3,731	D	99	2.6	I	507	13.6
Metallic ores	18,094	I	1,917	11.9	D	256	1.4
Coal	108,519	D	974	0.9	D	26,802	24.7
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	13,857	I	2,048	17.3	I	102	0.7
Nonmetallic minerals	12,253	I	824	7.2	I	702	5.7
Grain mill products	10,484	D	1,416	11.9	I	296	2.8
Food and kindred products	11,158	D	1,017	8.4	D	298	2.7
Primary forest products	13,946	D	655	4.5	D	227	1.6
Lumber and wood products except furniture	7,060	I	66	0.9	D	788	11.2
Pulp, paper and allied products	15,088	D	186	1.2	D	522	3.5
Chemicals and allied products	24,349	D	489	2.0	D	559	2.3
Petroleum products	4,775	I	60	1.3	I	139	2.9
Stone, clay and glass products	11,744	D	60	0.5	I	98	0.8
Coke	5,047	I	154	3.1	D	195	3.9
Metals and products	8,459	I	302	3.7	D	994	11.8
Motor vehicles and equipment	20,233	I	497	2.5	I	744	3.7
Waste and scrap materials	8,908	I	20	0.2	D	625	7.0
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	7,867	D	1,162	12.9	I	305	3.9
All other carloads	63,759	I	4,812	8.2	I	132	0.2
LCL traffic	197	D	114	36.7	D	13	6.6
Total Cars Loaded	396,615	D	3,554	0.9	D	28,907	6.8

Corresponding week of 1983 400,169

	<u>1984</u>	<u>1983</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Total Cars Loaded (40 weeks)	15,904,334	14,391,559	I 10.5

Estimated revenue ton-miles
(in billions):

39 weeks ended September 29	702.2	611.1	I 14.9
Week ended October 6	17.8	17.9	D 0.8
40 weeks cumulative	720.0	(rev) 630.9	I 14.1